

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend paragraph [0004] of the specification as follows:

Conventional reconciliation programs do not ~~provided~~ provide a flexible interface to customize the technical structure of the data source and/or the connection between the data. As a consequence, these programs are limited for use with only two specific data sources. Moreover, known reconciliation processes are further limited to pre-determined rules or checks of data dependencies that do not provide any flexibility for different customer requirements.

Please amend paragraph [0020] of the specification as follows:

In embodiments of the present invention, one or more of the data slices 130 may be applied to a reconciliation rule such as the sample rule 140 that includes a reconciliation equation as shown. The reconciliation equation may represent user-defined rules that may identify the information from the data sources 110 that the user wishes to reconcile. For example, a user may wish to define a rule that reconciles data from one of the data sources 110 such as Budget Ledger (BL) with another data source such as Funds Management (FM). The user may wish to compare the budgetary figures in the BL (e.g., Budget BL) with the budgetary figures in the FM (e.g., Budget FM). Slice A may be based on a user input that identifies the selected the budgetary figures in the BL data source and slice B may be based on a user input that identifies the selected the budgetary figures in FM data source.

Please amend paragraph [0028] of the specification as follows:

FIG. 3 shows exemplary displays 300 and 350 that may be presented to a user of the reconciliation system to define one or more reconciliation rules 140, in accordance with embodiments of the present invention. The display 300 may include, for example, an identification and administrative data section 230 as well [[a]] as an input section 340 used to enter information such as operands related to one ore more reconciliation equation. Section 320 may include fields such as the Rule ID, Rule Name, identification of notification party in the event reconciliation fails, identification of party creating the

rule as well as a when the rule was entered, identification of party editing the rule as well as a when the rule was edited and/or other information. Section 340 may be used to define operands defined by, for example, slice IDs and/or short names for the left side and the right side of the reconciliation equation as well as the operation to perform for the slice data for each side of the equation.